

stands, has the lowest life expectancy rate and the highest rates of teen pregnancy, diabetes, stroke and cancer in Alameda County.

The new TVHC facility answers the evident need for affordable medical and social services in the area. TVHC is now uniquely positioned to ensure every resident has access to quality service, advocacy, and community empowerment.

The new health center continues the TVHC tradition of delivering free and low-cost care with the dignity and respect that every patient deserves. The two-story, 20,000 square foot healthcare facility is equipped to serve 7,200 new patients and will employ 81 professional and administrative staff. This all-inclusive site will serve patients in family practice, women's health and pediatric specialties, dental and health education services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me celebrating the grand opening of this new community health center, and honoring Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center for promoting good health and well-being in our communities.

#### RECOGNIZING CHATEAU ON THE LAKE RESORT

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chateau on the Lake Resort on receiving the Ozark Mountain Hospitality award presented by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chateau on the Lake prides itself on its outstanding customer service. Its client-based business philosophy has continually ensured that its customers always have the best experience possible during their stay. The Chateau takes the approach that the customer knows what they want and should receive nothing less.

The Chateau, also known as the "Castle in the Ozarks," offers 301 beautifully appointed guest rooms and 57 spacious hotel suites with a focus on comfort and luxury. Nestled on Table Rock Lake, one can truly let one's cares melt away at this resort.

Chateau on the Lake has shown the community the true spirit of hospitality, and that spirit is exhibited in its employees' drive to meet the needs of its customers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chateau on the Lake on receiving the Ozark Mountain Hospitality award.

#### THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND THE WILDERNESS ACT

#### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 50th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Wilderness Act. This landmark legislation established a

dedicated and permanent funding source for the conservation and protection of America's irreplaceable recreational, natural, historic, and cultural landmarks.

All told, New Mexico has received over \$230 million from the LWCF to preserve areas that support our outdoor recreational economy and public well-being. In my district, important sites such as Petroglyphs National Monument and the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge—the first refuge in the Southwest to serve an urban area—will be protected for generations to come thanks to the LWCF.

The LWCF has created outdoor recreation opportunities in every state and 98 percent of counties across the country, yet there are so many other natural and historic wonders that deserve protection.

The best way we can honor the LWCF's half century of success is to reauthorize the fund before it expires next year. We owe it to our children and our children's children to ensure LWCF has the opportunity to celebrate many more anniversaries.

#### RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 was established to assist federal, state and local governments in their efforts to create and sustain public outdoor recreation facilities.

LWCF success stories have taken place in every state in the Nation. My home state of Maine alone has received \$40 million in grants for federal grant program projects since 1965. The program has helped preserve some of Maine's most treasured spaces—including the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, Acadia National Park, the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail—as well as many more nationwide.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for the full funding of the LWCF so that it can continue the great work it has been doing for the past 50 years. And I raise my voice along with those of others who are calling for a reauthorization of this important legislation.

Again, my sincere thanks go to the thousands of people across the country who work to make the LWCF a success. It is my honor to congratulate them and the LWCF program on this important milestone.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TOM BECKHAM

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Marion Burkett

Beckham III, also known as Tom Beckham. Tom passed away on July 19, 2014, after a long bout with cancer.

Tom served his country honorably during the Vietnam War with the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. During his service, Tom earned the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, and the Rifle Marksman Badge.

Tom was born in Clovis, California, on February 11, 1947. He was raised in the foothill area above Millerton Lake and graduated from Sierra High School.

A long time musician and singer, he entertained people over a span of 40 years. He played in bands, duos, and single engagements throughout the Central Valley and up and down the State of California, as well as Nevada, Alaska and other Western States. Tom was also well known as an instrument repairman for many years.

Tom spent many years raising show quality poultry that were endangered species or on the Breeds Conservancies Watch List. In addition, he was always happy to help 4-H and FFA students with their poultry projects.

Tom will be remembered for his strong determination, jovial ways, and a unique sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Joy; son, Brad Beckham; step daughter, Pamela Piek; 10 grandchildren and step grandchildren; and his brother, Forest Beckham.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Tom Beckham. His presence will undoubtedly be missed, but the impact he made on our country and the community will never be forgotten.

#### HONORING REX TILLERSON

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rex Tillerson. As the former President of the Boy Scouts of America and the current Chief Executive Officer of Exxon Mobil, Mr. Tillerson has touched countless lives and impacted them in a positive way. A Native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mr. Tillerson attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

He is one of the nation's most successful business leaders, but has always recognized the importance of charitable giving and community development. Mr. Tillerson's contributions to Texas and the country as a whole cannot be ignored. He served as the past national president of the Boy Scouts of America and is a former director of the United Negro College Fund. In those roles he influenced countless lives and provided a positive example for our nation's youths to follow. Under his leadership, Exxon Mobil has contributed greatly to K-12 STEM outreach programs, engaging students from all backgrounds in the STEM disciplines. Mr. Tillerson understands the importance of providing students with math and science skills, ultimately preparing them

for competition in a 21st century global economy.

I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Rex Tillerson's accomplishments.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING AND THE AMERICAN GRADUATE INITIATIVE

##### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize support for public broadcasting and the American Graduate initiative in advance of American Graduate Day on September 27th.

Each year nearly one million students fail to graduate on time, and public media is working with partners across the nation to reach a goal of a 90 percent high school graduation rate by the year 2020. With the help of the American Graduate initiative and the many other institutions and initiatives grappling with this issue, remarkable progress toward this goal has been made in recent years. American Graduate Day puts faces on the dropout numbers and increases understanding of the risks and solutions through national and local content, covering all facets of the dropout issue for broadcast, web and mobile platforms.

An October 2013 study conducted by the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins School of Education finds that the American Graduate initiative has succeeded in building community capacity to meet the national priority of ending America's high school dropout crisis. More than 80 public radio and television stations in over 30 states have joined forces with over 1000 partners and at-risk schools to shed light on the problem and share solutions. The dropout rate in the tri-state area is alarming, and I see students in my district struggling to complete their education every day; I support this important initiative that delivers real impact in our fight to end this dropout crisis.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN AND WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

##### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of World Alzheimer's Day, my constituent, Michael Ellenbogen, wrote a touching excerpt detailing his experience with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells, or neurons, resulting in loss of memory thinking and language skills, and behavioral changes.

Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in America, and is the only one of the top ten causes of death in America that can't be prevented, cured, or even slowed. It is important to work with brave people like Michael to raise awareness and take action on this issue as a legislative body. Please see Michael's touching words below:

It's been over a year since my last writing and since that time I have declined even

more. As you see, this disease is slowly robbing me of all of my skill sets and it is becoming so much harder to be a positive person in our society. I cannot even enjoy the hobbies I once loved. This is by far the worst way one can die. I cannot imagine the toll it's taking on my wife because it's like a never ending grieving process and one cannot even see the end in sight, just the horror that's coming.

Dementia, including Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease we face. It is costing us more than heart disease and cancer. I believe it to be the third cause of death in the United States. Breast cancer, heart disease and HIV have all made tremendous progress since the federal government made significant investments into research. Comparable investments must be made for Dementia so we can accomplish the same successes, while saving millions of lives and trillions of dollars.

Senator Pat Toomey recently stated at a Finance Committee Hearing that circumstances have changed historically, and as such we should be changing the way we fund this disease. I have been saying this for years.

Please make my life count and make it worthwhile for me in having this disease. I believe we could be at the tipping point. Make the hard choices; increase funding for Alzheimer's disease and reallocate existing funding sources. Do everything necessary to ensure that Alzheimer's disease gets the exposure, commitment and funding necessary to change the course of the disease.

Regards, Michael Ellenbogen.

Michael Ellenbogen—Advocate for all of those living with dementia, who can no longer speak, write, or have passed.

#### PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

##### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday will mark history as more New Yorkers than ever before come together to demonstrate their commitment to solving the climate change crisis. During the "People's Climate March", New Yorkers from all walks of life will march through Manhattan in support of a more sustainable future. I am proud to be joining this effort. UPROSE, a grassroots environmental justice organization in my district, is one of the lead organizers in New York City. UPROSE has a long record of working on environmental issues locally and globally through community empowerment and fostering future environmental leaders. I am proud to join with them in Sunday's march.

The backdrop for the New York event will be the United Nations Summit on Climate Change, where representatives from around the globe will convene to discuss this matter. Locally, this timely event will underscore the importance of working now to preserve our planet for future generations. However, this will be a global event with actions taking place throughout the world.

From London to Rio to Johannesburg to New Delhi, people everywhere will speak with one collective voice in calling for environmental justice, an economy that works for people and the planet, clean air and good jobs. I urge all my colleagues to join in these collective actions and show their support for protecting our planet.

#### RECOGNIZING HERMINE REIRING

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Hermine Reiring in celebration of her 100th birthday. Hermine is part of "America's Greatest Generation," and this amazing milestone deserves to be honored.

Hermine was born on August 4, 1914, in Hammond, Indiana. During World War II, Hermine joined the U.S. Army and served three years in the Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). She worked as a storekeeper in a hangar.

In 1945, Hermine married Leonard Reiring, and they built their lives together in California. They lived in San Diego and Burbank before settling in Madera in 1964. Hermine and Leonard raised three children together, and today, Hermine has eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Each day, Hermine's family has the pleasure of learning from a woman who has many special memories and life experiences to share.

The City of Madera has benefitted greatly from Hermine's efforts and service to the community. In addition to working at the Madera County Administrator's office, Hermine was also a member of the Women's Improvement Group, the Historical Society, and she volunteered as a docent for the county library. Staying active in the community is important to Hermine as she still loves to participate in bake sales and volunteer at her church.

Hermine's generation set an example for the coming together and establishing of our country in the 20th century. We have all been very fortunate to live and build from the investments and many sacrifices made by Hermine and others from her generation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor Hermine Reiring as she celebrates this very exciting time in her life. Her service to the Madera community and the entire nation deserves to be commended.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY E. SINOPOLI

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mary Sinopoli, who passed away on August 30, 2014, at the age of 93. Mary was a respected member of the Fresno community who will be greatly missed by residents throughout the Central Valley.

On December 7, 1920, Mary was born at her grandparents home on the corner of Stanislaus and F streets. She was the first child of Americo and Concetta Frediani. She attended Orange Center Elementary School, and Washington Union and Fresno Tech high schools.

Mary married George Sinopoli on May 11, 1941. They were happily married for 65 years until George's passing in 2006. Mary was a dedicated wife and a loving mother. She was